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**REMARKS**

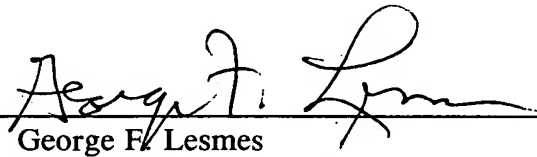
Entry of the foregoing and prompt and favorable consideration of the subject application, in light of the following remarks, are respectfully requested.

The foregoing amendments have been made to place the claims in better form for examination and eliminate multiple dependent claim terminology. Claims 1-17 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter recited therein and new Claims 18-50 have been added. Support for Claims 18-50 can be found in canceled Claims 1-17 and throughout the specification of the subject application. No new matter has been added by the foregoing amendment.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this Preliminary Amendment, or the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned concerning such questions so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Attachment to Preliminary Amendment dated March 7, 2002**

**Marked-up Claims**

Claims heading on page 17:

[CLAIMS]WHAT IS CLAIMED IS: